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SUBJECT: ITALIAN PAPER REPORTS AMERICAN VISA "REFUSED" TO BERLINGUER

- 1. FEBRUARY 21 ISSUE OF ROME DAILY IL TEMPO CARRIES REPORT FROM ITS WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REBUFFED AN INFORMAL APPROACH AIMED AT ASCERTAINING THE POSSIBILITY OF THE ISSUANCE OF AN AMERICAN VISA FOR ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) SECRETARY GENERAL ENRICO BERLINGUER. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE NEW YORK OFFICE OF THE ITALIAN PUBLISHING HOUSE RIZZOLI, WHICH IS PREPARING AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE EDITION OF THE BOOK THE PROFESSOR AND BERLINGUER, INQUIRED ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISA FOR BERLINGUER SO THAT HE COULD APPEAR AT CEREMONIES MARKING THE PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY INDICATING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE RESPONDED THAT THE TIME WAS NOT OPPORTUNE FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A VISA TO THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST LEADER.
- 2. IN ITS ISSUE FEBRUARY 22, IL TEMPO ASSERTS THAT IT HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION OF THE ACCURACY OF THE ABOVE REPORT FROM A MIDDLE LEVEL DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL. THE SAME OFFICIAL IS REPORTED TO HAVE ADDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS NOT RECEIVED A REQUEST FROM THE PCI LEADER FOR AN AMERICAN VISA.

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